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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington DC 20231

March 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the original specification and substitute it with the substitute specification attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6 and 7 as follows:

6. (Amended) A line switching unit comprising:

means for controlling the switching of a plurality of lines;

means for measuring line delay times of the plurality of lines;

means for storing data transmitted from a data terminal device to said

line switching unit;